

APPENDIX 1. WORKSHOP AGENDA

Day One, Monday 7 November (1-5 pm)

- I. Welcome (Frank Almeida)
- II. Housekeeping (parking, access codes, computer/phone availability, etc.) (Jay Burnett)
- III. Introduction of participants (All)
- IV. Agenda/objectives (Jay Burnett)
- V. Background (sampling, processing, aging, QA/QC)
 - a. NEFSC at-sea sampling (John Galbraith)
 - b. NY-DEC & SUNY-Stony Brook sampling/processing (Maureen Davidson)
 - c. NEFSC processing, aging, QA/QC, & databases (Jay Burnett)
 - d. Assessment overview/end uses of age data (Larry Jacobson)
Reference collections (Jay Burnett)
- VI. Summary/wrap-up/game plan for Day Two (Jay Burnett)

Day Two, Tuesday 8 November (8:30 am-5 pm)

- I. Alternative aging method/meat weight study (Adriana Picariello)
- II. Discussion:
 - a. Errors in length measurements
 - b. Seasonality of annulus formation (w/efforts to establish birthdate)
- III. NEFSC processing demonstration (Blanche Jackson)
 - a. Blanche also cut some NY samples w/ NEFSC method
- IV. Joint aging session (All, led by Jay Burnett)
- V. Hands-on processing, aging, etc. continued (Those interested)
- VI. Informal aging exercise (All, led by Blanche)
- VII. Summary/wrap-up/game plan for Day Three (Larry Jacobson, Jay Burnett)

Social (Dave Wallace)

Day Three, Wednesday 9 November (8:30 am-2 pm)

- I. Results of aging exercise (Sandy Sutherland)
- II. Plan post-Workshop exchange as basis for reference collection (All, led by Jay)
- III. Discuss Workshop Report (All, led by Jay)
 - Program descriptions
 - Method description
 - Processing/aging issues
 - Develop consensus conclusions/recommendations
 - Future plans

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